

North Somerset Site Allocations Plan Examination

Inspector's request for information

1 Policies Map

The Council has sent me copies of "Sites and Policies Plan Part 2 Site Allocations (Draft)" to assist with site visits. However, I do not see a Policies Map included as a submission or examination document in the examination library. In the library SD3 is labelled as site allocations plan proposals map with alternative sites put forward, but there is no site allocations plan proposals map as such. The Council must maintain an adopted policies map to illustrate geographically the application of the policies in the adopted development plan. Whilst it is not for me to examine as part of the SAP, when submitting a local plan for examination, the Council is required to provide a submission policies map showing the changes to the adopted policies map that would result from the proposals in the submitted local plan. Does the Council have such a policies map to be added to the examination library?

2 Duty to Co-operate

I note from the Statement of Community Involvement [SD21] that consultation would be undertaken under the Council's "Duty to Co-operate" with neighbouring local planning authorities. However, there is no Duty to Cooperate Statement included within the list of submission documents. Whilst I note that there have been no objections raised on this matter, and that the Council is now one of the West of England Authorities working on the preparation of a Joint Spatial Plan, can the Council please prepare a statement which sets out the steps taken to ensure that the duty to co-operate as set out in s33A to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 has been met. This should be sent to me and included in the examination library.

The Council is requested to respond by the 20 July 2017.

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